

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Criminal Investigation Division
Investigative Activity Report**

Case Number

1000-0487

Case Title:

Pacific Steel and Recycling

Reporting Office:

Seattle, WA, Area Office

Subject of Report:

20150819 Phone Contact with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of Washington State Labor and Industries

Activity Date:

August 19, 2015

Reporting Official and Date:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Special Agent

26-AUG-2015, Signed by: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Approving Official and Date:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Assistant Special Agent in Charge

Assistant Special Agent in Charge

27-AUG-2015, Approved by: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

SYNOPSIS

On August 19, 2015, SA Stratton contacted (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), the Regional Compliance Manager for the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries in the Spokane, Washington area, regarding the chlorine gas release at the Pacific Steel and Recycling facility which occurred on August 12, 2015, in Spokane, Washington.

DETAILS

On August 19, 2015, I contacted (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), the Regional Compliance Manager for the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries in the Spokane, Washington area, regarding the chlorine gas release at the Pacific Steel and Recycling facility which occurred on August 12, 2015, in Spokane, Washington. After being notified of the nature of the phone call and the identity of the contacting agent, Pitts, in substance, provided the following information:

His agency is actively investigating the release incident which occurred on August 12, 2015, at the Pacific Steel and Recycling facility in Spokane, Washington. The tank involved in the accident is still on scene and PSR employees and PSR's contractors have been instructed to not remove anything from the scene incident.

Washington State Labor and Industries Inspector (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is on scene and has been conducting interviews with PSR employees and management.

Clean Harbors, a local environmental cleanup company, has been contracted by PSR to perform a cleanup of the incident area. Clean Harbors has taken multiple tests of the area in order to determine which chemical was released to the environment. He is not aware of any testing being done by the State of Washington while on the release scene.

The tank in question has been removed from the PSR scrapping machine in order to clean up the incident site. The tank is being retained by PSR and as of this phone call it is lying alongside the PSR scrapping machine.

There is a PSR security video of the release incident.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) contact phone number is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

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